

Ma Bell was split up some years ago. Now it looks like it's reforming all over again. Did our anti trust laws change that drastically. Big Bell companies are blocking access to their networks and stopping competition before it can even begin for local, long-distance, the Internet, cell phone services, and new technologies like making calls over the Internet. If these mergers go through, only two companies will control 90 percent of the consumer market. The FCC should block these mergers and find new ways to bring down the costs of these services, particularly high-speed Internet. America is falling behind the rest of the world in broadband deployment. This merger would only worsen these problems and therefore must be blocked. They would stifle competition, raise prices, and lead to fewer choices, making the problem worse, not better.